Each type of adhesive can potentially have additional characteristics, which fall under the following classes:

1. Normal adhesive (standard strength tile adhesive)
2. Improved adhesive (stronger tile adhesive)
3. Fast setting/drying adhesive (quicker setting of the adhesive allowing for earlier grouting)
4. Slip resistant adhesive (no slipping of wall tiles)
5. Adhesive with extended open time (once spread, the adhesive can be left without a tile being fixed for a longer time)
6. Special deformable characteristic, for cementitious adhesives only (degree of flexibility of the adhesive, either S1 - flexible or S2 - highly flexible)

Each adhesive can therefore be classified under one of the following designations in the table.

Additional designations may be inserted according to the combination of the different symbols of the characteristics, e.g., C2 FTE S1 fast setting deformable cementitious adhesive with improved characteristics, slip resistance and extended open time.